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## **POLIOMYELITIS (INFANTILE PARALYSIS) SITUATION.**

A statement of the cases of poliomyelitis reported since June 1, 1917, appears in this issue, beginning on page 1283. Up to the first of June the disease had not been reported in unusual prevalence in any locality.

In June an outbreak developed in Washington County, Vt. Up to August 4 there had been reported in the county 57 cases. Many of the cases were in the city of Montpelier, which is in this county.

In Ohio an outbreak was reported in Belmont County, with the principal focus at Martins Ferry.

In West Virginia an outbreak began in July in Marion County, with the principal focus at Monongah.

In Maryland 15 cases were reported in Allegany County between July 15 and August 4.

In Massachusetts 18 cases were reported between June 1 and August 4 at Haverhill, a city of 44,115 population.

In Minnesota seven cases were reported in Blue Mounds Township, Pope County, between July 22 and 28.

In Virginia 22 cases were reported during July in Rockingham County.

These are the only localities in which it can be said that outbreaks have occurred. For the most part the localities involved have had a comparatively small population and altogether the number of cases has not been large. While cases of the disease have been reported in small numbers from most parts of the country, this can not be considered other than usual.

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## **TYPHOID FEVER AT NASHVILLE, TENN.**

There appears to be an undue prevalence of typhoid fever at Nashville, Tenn., the number of cases reported during the five weeks ended August 4 being 7, 10, 40, 24, and 40, respectively.